

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The Assignee submits below a complete listing of the current claims, including marked-up claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method for remotely requesting information and/or services from at least one remote service server through a personal ~~computing-system~~ computer, the method comprising steps of:

receiving, at the personal ~~computing-system~~ computer, a telephone call from a user that is registered with the personal ~~computing-system~~ computer;

receiving a user spoken utterance over the telephone call;

performing speech recognizing recognition on the user spoken utterance to determine a request for information and/or a service;

formatting an electronic message according to the request;

sending the electronic message over a communication network from the personal ~~computing-system~~ computer to the at least one remote service server;

receiving content at the personal ~~computing-system~~ computer from the at least one remote service server;

converting the content to speech audio at the personal ~~computing-system~~ computer; and

playing the speech audio to the user over the telephone call.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said formatting step comprises building an electronic message to be sent over the Internet.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the request ~~includes~~ comprises a request to send an electronic mail, said method further comprising steps of:

receiving at least one additional user spoken utterance; and
converting the at least one additional user spoken utterance to speech-recognized text, wherein said formatting step builds an electronic mail to be sent in said sending step and includes the speech-recognized text in the electronic mail.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the request ~~includes~~ comprises a request to send an instant message, said method further comprising ~~[[the]]~~ steps of:

receiving at least one additional user spoken utterance; and
converting the at least one additional user spoken utterance to speech-recognized text, wherein said formatting step builds an instant message to be sent in said sending step and includes the speech-recognized text in the instant message.

6-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the personal ~~computing system~~ includes computer comprises a home computer in the user's home.

22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the personal ~~computing system~~ computer is owned by the user.

23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the personal ~~computing system~~ includes computer comprises a portable computer.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the user pays no fee to an owner of the personal ~~computing system~~ computer for access to the personal ~~computing system~~ computer.

25. (Currently amended) At least one computer readable medium encoded with instructions that, when executed by at least one computer, perform a method for remotely requesting information and/or services from at least one remote service server through a ~~personal computing system~~ computer, the method comprising steps of:

receiving, at the ~~personal computing system~~ computer, a telephone call from a user that is registered with the ~~personal computing system~~ computer;

receiving a user spoken utterance over the telephone call;

performing speech recognizing recognition on the user spoken utterance to determine a request for information and/or a service;

formatting an electronic message according to the request;

sending the electronic message over a communication network from the ~~personal computing system~~ computer to the at least one remote service server;

receiving content at the ~~personal computing system~~ computer from the at least one remote service server;

converting the content to speech audio at the ~~personal computing system~~ computer; and

playing the speech audio to the user over the telephone call.

26. (Currently amended) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the ~~personal computing system includes~~ computer comprises a home computer in the user's home.

27. (Currently amended) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the ~~personal computing system~~ computer is owned by the user.

28. (Currently amended) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the ~~personal computing system includes~~ computer comprises a portable computer.

29. (Currently amended) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the user pays no fee to an owner of the ~~personal computing system~~ computer for access to the ~~personal computing system~~ computer.

30. (Currently amended) A personal ~~computing system for requesting~~ computer programmed to request information and/or services from at least one remote service server on behalf of a user, the personal ~~computing system~~ computer comprising:

a telephone connection to receive a telephone call from the user at the personal computer, the telephone connection capable of receiving a user spoken utterance over the telephone call;

a speech recognizer to recognize the user spoken utterance to determine a request for information and/or a service;

at least one interface to format an electronic message according to the request;

a network connection ~~connected to a communication network~~ to send the electronic message from the personal ~~computing system~~ computer over the communication network to the at least one remote service server and to receive content from the at least one remote service server at the personal ~~computing system~~ computer; and

a text-to-speech synthesizer to convert the content to speech audio and play the speech audio to the user over the telephone call.

31. (Currently amended) The personal ~~computing system~~ computer of claim 30, wherein the personal ~~computing system includes~~ computer comprises a home computer.

32. (Currently amended) The personal ~~computing system~~ computer of claim 30, wherein the personal ~~computing system includes~~ computer comprises a portable computer.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the telephone call from the user is received at the user's home telephone number.

34. (Previously Presented) The at least one computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the telephone call from the user is received at the user's home telephone number.

35. (Currently amended) The personal ~~computing system~~ computer of claim 30, wherein the telephone connection receives the telephone call from the user at the user's home telephone number.